

Dear FCC, Mr. Napurano has it right. I am 58years old have held an amateur radio license continuously for approximately 42 years. May I respectfully suggest that all this talk of totally eliminating the Morse Code requirement for access to certain amateur frequencies is particularly disturbing.

My interest in radio was first sparked by listening to Morse Code transmissions on the amateur frequencies. This led to further investigation of physical and electronic topics associated with radio. Eventually, my interest in radio led to a career in a technical communications field, a career in which I am still employed.

Instead of killing Morse Code, we should be looking for ways to incentivise people to learn the Code and build proficiency. Morse Code was the first digital mode and is still one of the most efficient and effective digital modes.

In light of the challenges to our country's security of recent years, let me say I think it odd that we would take a step that would diminish our ability to communicate in emergencies.

Let me say that I respectfully ask and hope that the Commission think long and hard before taking steps which will remove Morse Code as a communication mode in the Amateur Service. Thank you.

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